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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Jueterbog, Luckenwalde and the Zinna Area

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 11 to 19 March 1954

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2. On 12 and 13 March, heavy vehicular traffic was observed in the Markendorf-Charlottenfelde-Petkus-Jueterbog-Luckenwalde-Paruth area and noise of battle was continually heard from the Werder-Markendorf training area. Considerable damages in the fields indicated intensive training activity. The road lanes to the area mentioned were blocked and guarded by sentries. Numerous camouflaged tanks and motor vehicles were observed. Trees at road crossings in the Paruth-Kemnitz-Damsdorf area were marked by red circles.

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3. Military shipments observed at the Jueterbog main railroad station on 18 March [redacted] at 2:40 p.m., a shipment of 12 to 15 T-34/85 tanks [redacted]

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4. At 2:10 p.m. on 19 March, a shipment of 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 rocket launchers, [redacted]

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5 van-like or radio trucks, 2 jeeps, 2 field kitchens and 9 boxcars occupied by troops left Luckenwalde. Some of the motor vehicles [redacted]

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5. Between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the same day, 20 to 25 trucks, [redacted]

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like trucks, about 18 x 120-mm mortars, 2 field kitchens, 2 jeeps and 6 boxcarsloads of troops were entrained in Luckenwalde. Some of the motor vehicles [redacted]

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7. On 18 March, 2 artillery emplacements, each of about 6 x 122-mm field guns, were seen south and north of the Forst Zinna railroad station. About 8 x 76.2-mm AA guns were emplaced northwest of the Kloster Zinna railroad station and 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns were east of the station. Several mortar emplacements were seen southwest and northeast of Neuhoft. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. On 11 March, 4 shipments left Jueterbog for Wittenberg. There are no indications that the trains went toward Tallenberg. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Beginning in late February, exercises of units of the Third Gds Mech Army were continuously held in the Jueterbog-Brand area. [redacted]

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connected with advanced combat practice firing in the Forst Zinna area and east of Verder-Markendorf. GONG and the Third Gds Mech [redacted] Wunsdorf area.

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25X1 Therefore, the unit must have arrived in the Jueterbog area between 6 and 18 March, coming from the Spremberg area, presumably from advanced combat practice firing at Weisswasser. The second train at 4 p.m. [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] carried tanks of the 80th Gds Hv Tank SF Regt of the 9th Mecz Div stationed in the barracks installation north of Drachhausen in the Peitz area. The shipment went to Peitz [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] Another shipment went from Jueterbog to Cottbus on 18 March and still another shipment went from Wunsdorf to Peitz on 19 March. This information, in connection with previous information, tends to indicate that an exercise of the 9th Mecz Div was held in the Brand-Jueterbog area between 15 and 18 March.

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] return of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div which, on 15 March, transferred to Luckenwalde from Neuruppin and Fuerstenberg for firing practices in the Jueterbog area [redacted]  
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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the 7th Gds Tank Div which, presumably between 16 and 20 March, conducted an exercise in the Brand-Jueterbog area similar to that of the 9th Mecz Div. The exercises may have been connected.  
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6. [redacted] Comment. Summarizing available information, the following units are believed to have held exercises in the Brand-Jueterbog area: the 14th Gds Mecz Div with army troops and elements of the 6th and 34th Arty Div between 25 February and 3 March; the 6th Gds Tank Div between 7 and 11 March; the 9th Mecz Div between 15 (?) and 18 March; and the 7th Gds Tank Div between 16 and 20 March.  
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